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Vacancy Announcement

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APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED EARLIER NEED NOT REAPPLY AS THEIR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

OPEN TO	ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS
POSITION	SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANT, FSN-08 POSITION NUMBER 100170
OPENING DATE	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012
CLOSING DATE	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2012
WORK HOURS	FULL-TIME; 40 HOURS/WEEK
SALARY	<p>* ORDINARILY RESIDENT: POSITION GRADE: FSN-08, SR.77, 702 FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL (ANNUAL BASIC SALARY EXCLUDING ELIGIBLE ALLOWANCES).</p> <p>*NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT (NOR): POSITION GRADE: FP- 6 US\$ 44,737 --GRADE DETERMINATION SHOULD BE APPROVED BY WASHINGTON --U. S. FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE SALARY.</p>

NOTE

- **ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED TRANSFERABLE WORK PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**
- **EFMS: INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AT POST FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF THE URGENT REQUIREMENT TO FILL THIS POSITION.**
- **EFMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR REMAINING ON THEIR SPONSORING EMPLOYEE'S TOUR OF DUTY FROM THE EFM'S HIRING DATE.**

The U. S. Consulate in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia is seeking an individual for the position of Social Media Assistant in the Public Affairs Section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Under the supervision of the Public Affairs Officer, serves as webmaster and content editor and implements the day-to-day online strategy for the Consulate's presence on all digital and social media and web-based tools used by the Mission to inform and interact with host country audiences. The employee manages website content, digital engagement, and advocacy of U.S. positions, appropriately communicating the Mission's message. Researches and recommends new materials for use in Consulate social media and digital outreach environment. Provides technical support to Public Affairs Section (PAS) for audio visual and camera equipment. Assists with production and distribution of Public Affairs publications and outreach support.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item:

1. **Education**: Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in marketing, public relations or a related field.
2. **Experience**: Minimum one year experience in public relations or marketing campaigns, either professionally, or for a startup or nonprofit organization, or for a private but influential outreach campaign, or in a related field of information technology or program management may also be acceptable.
3. **Language Requirements**: English and Arabic Level 4 (Fluent: read/write/speak). Skills will be tested.
4. **Knowledge/Other Criteria**: Comprehensive knowledge of computers and software related to web page design, graphics and multimedia, browsers and readers and web 2.0 new media and social networking strategies and usage. Familiarity with current affairs in host country, region and U.S. foreign policy. Ability to search for particular topics online. Knowledge of PAS products in International Information Programs (IIP). Knowledge of audio-visual technologies and equipment. Use of cameras required.
5. **Other Skills**: Ability to work well as a team player in a dynamic, fast-paced work environment. Ability to prioritize competing work duties and make priority judgments about rapidly developing issues in media or social media. Strong written communication skills. Innovation, motivation, and creativity are required for development of professional digital and print content. Must be assertive in dealing with a wide variety of personalities at multiple levels.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position **must** submit the following or the applications will not be considered:

1. Application for U.S. Federal Employment DS-174;
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae;
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. A clear copy of valid Saudi identity card and/or work permit.
5. Any other documentation (e.g. copy of essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualifications requirements of the position as listed above.

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, US citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidates address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of that appointment.
3. EFMs must have at least one year remaining on their sponsoring employee's tour of duty from the EFM's hiring date.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of that appointment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
5. Current LE Staff employees of the Mission applying for vacant position announcements must have served a minimum of twelve (12) months in their current position in order to be considered for any vacant position.
6. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

In person: Front Gate, US Consulate General Dhahran

By mail: Human Resources Office, P. O. Box 38955, Dhahran 31952

By e-mail: DhahranHR@state.gov FAX: 03-3302123

POINT OF CONTACT

Human Resources Office

Telephone: 03-3303200 ext 3086

DEFINITIONS*

1. Eligible Family Member (EFM): An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

CLOSING DATE: CLOSE OF BUSINESS (1700HRS) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2012

The US Mission in Saudi Arabia provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.